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1. WE AGREE WITH THE NEED TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE GOI AND TO THE COMPANIES INVOLVED OUR OPPOSITION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLOITATION OF ANY EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE ALMA FIELD IS NOT THE ONLY SPECIFIC POINT AT ISSUE. MONCRIEF IS PRESENTLY SELLING ISRAEL FIVE MILLION CUBIC FEET OF NATURAL GAS PER DAY FROM WELLS DRILLED IN NORTHERN SINAI AND SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION IS ANTICIPATED SHORTLY.

2. OUR CONCERN IS WITH THE STYLE AND TIMING OF OUR PRESENTATION TO THE ISRAELIS RATHER THAN THE SUBSTANCE OF IT. OUR CIRCUITS ARE CLOSE TO BEING OVERLOADED AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT WITH "THOU-SHALT-NOT" ISSUES WHICH WE HAVE PUT TO THE ISRAELIS. WHILE THESE PRESENTATIONS MAY BE GOOD AND NECESSARY FOR THE RECORD, IT IS LESS CLEAR THAT THEY ACTUALLY SERVE TO INFLUENCE GOI ACTIONS IN THE DESIRED DIRECTION. THIS, OF COURSE, IS A JUDGEMENT CALL, BUT OUR JUDGEMENT IS THAT IT WOULD BE
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BETTER TO MAKE AN INDIRECT APPROACH ON THIS ISSUE NOW.

3. WHAT WE PROPOSE SPECIFICALLY IS THAT THE DEPARTMENT SET OUT IN WRITING TO NEPTUNE, MONCRIEF AND AMOCO OUR LEGAL POSITION CONCERNING MINERALS EXPLOITATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE EMBASSY COULD PASS ON COPIES OF THESE LETTERS TO THE ISRAELI MFA-WE ARE THINKING AT

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OR THE LEGAL ADVISOR LEVEL-
WITH COMMENT ABOUT OUR CONCERN THAT GOI POLICY WOULD
COMPLICATE THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS. A COPY COULD ALSO
BE DELIVERED TO MINISTER OF ENERGY MODAI. IT WOULD BE
MUCH EASIER, HOWEVER, TO MAKE OUR CASE THAT THIS IS AN
OBSTACLE TO A PEACE SETTLEMENT. IF THE EGYPTIANS HAD
RAISED THE ISSUE EARLIER WITH THE ISRAELIS IN SOME
FORM. THUS FAR, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THEY HAVE NEVER RAISED
THE SUBJECT IN ANY OF THE MANY POST-SADAT-TO-JERUSALEM
GOI-GOE ENCOUNTERS AND MEETINGS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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